Transsexual facilitie

Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I would like to express my thanks for all the kind words and support you have given to transsexuals over the years. (A transsexual is a person genetically of one sex with a psychological urge to belong to the opposite sex — an urge sometimes so overwhelming that it leads to a sex-change operation.)

While addressing a national convention of electrologists recently, I was frequently asked, "Where should we refer our transsexual clients?"

In the past, Abby, you have recommended the Janus Information Facility as an information and counseling source for transvestites and transsexuals.

It might be helpful to provide your readers with other sources, since thousands are seeking help.

General information service: Janus Information Facility, 1952 Union, San Francisco, Calif. 94123.

Treatment programs: Gender Dysphoria Program of Orange County, Inc. (a non-profit corporation), 31815 Camino Capistrano, Suite L, San Juan Capistrano, Calif. 92675.

Gender Dysphoria Program, 2126 12 The Strand, Galveston, Texas 77550.

CONFIDE Personal Counseling Services Inc., Box 56, Tappan, N.Y. 10983.

Individuals requesting information should include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Again, Abby, thanks for your help and understanding over the years. — **Christine Jorgensen**

■Because the whole subject of transsexuality has been so universally misunderstood and those who need help don't know where to get it, I am printing your letter.

Views On Dental Health

by
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An Alternative to Extraction Orthodontics

For some time now, in this country, crooked teeth have been treated by the removal of four permanent teeth and the subsequent rearrangement of the remaining teeth. Now, more and more dentists are doing orthodontics without the removal of permanent teeth. It has been well established that gentle stimulation of the teeth can result in enlargement of the bone housing the teeth. This results in a full, toothy, happy smile as well as a good bite - the way nature meant it to be. The stimulation is often effected by removable appliances.

Other advantages of this exciting, newer way to treat crooked smiles are the ease of keeping the removable appliances and teeth clean, and the ability to remove the appliances for sports (such as wrestling, football, hockey, and basketball) and certain musical activities.

If you think your child might need orthodontic treatment, ask your dentist about non-extraction orthondontics. It can be done on adults, too. If you do not have a dentist, call Dr. Ron Noel at 596-1230 for an appointment to evaluate the use of this technique in your situation. Non-extraction orthodontics can be used in many orthodontic cases.

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